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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 7 December 2009, for which a response is due on 7 March 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested. For any additional fees, the Commissioner is authorized to charge, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.